

## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

With regret the Corresponding Secretary records the death during the past year of the following named correspondents of the Academy: Henry Benedict Medlicott, Lord Kelvin, Henry Clifton Sorby, Prof. Spiridion Brusina, Prof. Gustav Mayr and Prof. William Kieth Brooks. No corresponding members were elected. During the year a few additional photographs and biographical sketches of correspondents were received and have been added to our files.

Invitations to the Academy to participate in the following notable events were received: The Third International Botanical Congress and the First Congress of Administrative Sciences, both to be held in Brussels in 1910; the Prehistoric Congress of France, the Centenary Jubilee of the Physico-Medical Society of Erlangen, the Inauguration of Dr. Albert R. Hill as President of the University of Missouri, the opening of the new Hall of the Physical Institute of Frankfort a. M., and the University of Cambridge celebration of the centenary of the birth of Charles Darwin and the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of the *Origin of Species*. Suitable letters of acknowledgment or congratulation were in each case forwarded, and as the Academy's representative to the last named Dr. Arthur Erwin Brown has been appointed. In this connection it may interest the members of the Academy to know that Darwin was elected a correspondent on March 27, 1860, within four months of the publication of the *Origin of Species*, and that this Academy was therefore probably the first society to place its official stamp of approval upon this epoch-making work.

An invitation from the Section of Geology and Mineralogy of the New York Academy of Sciences to join in organizing a series of general geological meetings for the eastern United States was referred to the Geological and Mineralogical Section of the Academy. A letter of thanks for the use of the Academy's Hall for its session of 1907 was received from the American Ornithologists' Union. Notices of the death of seven scientific men of distinction were received and acknowledged by letters of sympathy.

Copies of resolutions approving of the movement to establish White Mountain and Southern Appalachian forest reserves and commending the purpose of the conference to consider the conservation of natural resources were forwarded to members of Congress and other persons concerned and brought numerous favorable responses.

Pursuant to instructions of the Council the Corresponding Secretary

received from several members subscriptions aggregating fifty dollars, which sum was forwarded as a contribution from the Academy to the fund for erecting in Paris a monument to Lamarek.

The numbers of letters requesting information received and answered continues to increase.

The statistics of the correspondence for the year follow:

#### COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

Acknowledging receipt of the Academy's publications, . . . . .	217
Transmitting publications, . . . . .	65
Requesting exchanges or the supply of deficiencies, . . . . .	4
Invitations to learned gatherings, . . . . .	7
Notices of death of scientific men, . . . . .	8
Circulars concerning the administration of scientific institutions, etc., . . . . .	16
Biographies and photographs of correspondents, . . . . .	4
Miscellaneous letters, . . . . .	88
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Total received, . . . . .	409

#### COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED.

Acknowledging gifts to the Library, . . . . .	1073
Acknowledging gifts to the Museum, . . . . .	56
Acknowledging photographs and biographies, . . . . .	3
Requesting the supply of deficiencies in journals, . . . . .	84
Letters of sympathy or congratulation, . . . . .	9
Miscellaneous letters, . . . . .	101
Annual Reports sent to correspondents, . . . . .	221
Circular letters, . . . . .	90
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Total forwarded, . . . . .	1637

Respectfully submitted,

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#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

The growth of the Library during the past year has been satisfactory, notwithstanding the inconvenience due to the alteration of the premises required by the plans adopted by the Council. The accessions since the first of last December number 7070, an increase on those received last year. There were 5905 pamphlets and parts of periodicals, 973 volumes, 192 maps, photographs and plates.